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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: ALLEMAN /)
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Title: INTERACTIVE TELEPHONE /)
SYSTEM FOR MAKING LOW /)
COST LONG DISTANCE /)
TELEPHONE CALLS /)

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Hon Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C.

Dear Commissioner:

Responsive to the official action dated October 9, 1997, please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 1-13 and 18-20.

Please add the following new claims:

21. [new] A telephone system for providing economical use of differences in long distance tariff rates for international telephone service to subscribers comprising a service center having a direct inward dial number assigned to each subscriber and an assigned call-back number recorded for each subscriber, a sensor for receiving the direct inward dial signal sent by the subscriber to the service center, a first outbound circuit from the service center over which the center dials the callback number of the subscriber when the subscriber hangs up on the direct inward dial line, a second outbound circuit from the service center over which the center dials the number entered by the subscriber on the first circuit, and an automatic bridging device for bridging the

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